

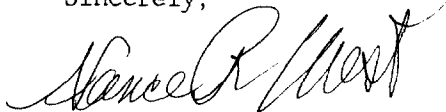
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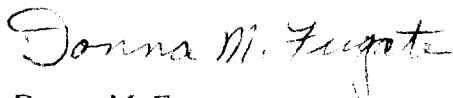
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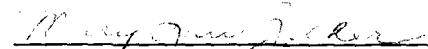
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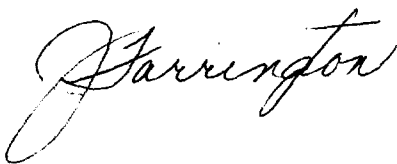
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I am a telecommunications professional who is responsible for my company's telecommunication systems and I am painfully aware that although I may reduce the risk, no matter how many steps I take to secure my systems, I am still vulnerable to toll fraud. That is why I am so encouraged by the proposed rule making.

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LECs must also provide monitoring and proper notification as a part of their basic service offerings. Local lines are as vulnerable to toll fraud. As the line between IXC and LEC becomes fuzzier, monitoring and proper notification by all carriers will be even more applicable.

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- CPE owner to secure their equipment
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Toll Fraud is a financially devastating problem that affects the entire telecommunications industry including users, vendors and carriers. I am sure, that if we all work together we can and will make a positive impact on this problem.

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